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1. HERewith FULL TEXT JOSEPH ALSOP OP-ED COLUMN, MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4, WASHPOST, HEADLINED "THE REALITIES AND THE CHATTER."
2. IN THE TIME WHEN THE UNITED STATES TRULY LED THE WEST, BEFORE THE PYGMIES TOOK OVER, IT USED TO BE A VAST RELIEF TO COME BACK TO WASHINGTON. YOU WOULD HAVE TALKED ENDLESSLY TO WORRIED AND IMPOTENT MEN ABROAD. YOU WOULD FIND IN WASHINGTON CONCERNED BUT POTENT MEN, WEIGHING SERIOUS COURSES OF ACTION.
3. I HAVE JUST FINISHED MY LAST INTENSIVE WORKING TRIP OVERSEAS AS A FULL-TIME REPORTER. IT WAS NO MORE THAN PAYING MY LAST DUES, AS YOU MAY SAY, FOR I WENT NO FARTHER THAN LONDON AND PARIS, AND I SAW NO MORE THAN A HUNDRED PEOPLE ON BUSINES IN THREE WEEKS. YET IT WAS NOT MERELY THE DARKEST WORKING

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TRIP I HAVE EVER TAKEN. THE RETURN TO WASHINGTON WAS ALSO

MUCH WORSE THAN THE TRIP ITSELF.

4. IN THE FORMER CAPITAL OF THE WESTERN WORLD, THE PYGMIES NOW SEEM TO REIGN SUPREME. PYGMY VIEWS ON EVERY SUBJECT ARE ALMOST THE ONLY ONES THAT ARE PUBLICLY HEARD. WHILE THE ROOF OF OUR WORLD VISIBLY THREATENS TO FALL IN, YOU ONLY HEAR DISCUSSION OF THE WICKED GENEROSITY OF ONE OF THE FINEST PUBLIC SERVANTS OF THIS GENERATION, NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER.

5. SINCE THE PYGMY INVASION, THE CONCERNED AND POTENT MEN CAN NO LONGER WEIGH SERIOUS COURSES OF ACTION. THEY HAVE BEEN REPLACED BY A TINY NUMBER OF MEN OF COMPARABLE QUALITY WHO CAN ONLY IMITATE ELIZA CROSSING THE ICE IN "UNCLE TOM'S CABIN." THE MOST CONSPICUOUS OF THESE MALE ELIZAS IS SECRETARY OF STATE HENRY A. KISSINGER.

6. BUT LET US SUPPOSE FOR A MOMENT THAT SECRETARY KISSINGER' ELIZA-PERFORMANCE IN THE MIDEAST DOES NOT, AFTER ALL, MIRACULOUSLY SUCCEED. THINK OF ELIZA, WITH THE CHILD IN HER ARMS AND THE BLOODHOUNDS AT HER HEELS, MISSING HER LEAP TO THE NEXT ICE PAN AND THEREFORE PLUNGING INTO THE BLACK AND FREEZING WATER. REMEMBER THAT THE CHILD IN QUESTION IS NAMED PEACE AND IS, THEREFORE, A HEAVY PRECIOUS BURDEN. ELIZA'S FAILURE IS A POSSIBILITY THAT MIGHT WELL BEGIN TO PREOCCUPY WASHINGTON A BIT MORE THAN NELSON ROCKEFELLER'S GENEROSITY. IT IS JUST A MITE FRIVOLOUS, AFTER ALL, TO CONTINUE TO THINK ABOUT TRIFLES WHEN ANOTHER MIDEAST WAR IS A BETTER THAN EVEN BET; AND WHEN THE DESTRUCTION OF ISRAEL IS QUITE IMAGINABLE; AND WHEN A WORLD WAR HAS BEGUN TO BE REMOTELY CONCEIVABLE.

7. THESE ARE THE HARD REALITIES. THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT OF PRESIDENT VALERY GICARD D'ESTAING BELIEVES THAT THERE IS "A 100 PER CENT CHANCE" OF A RENEWED WAR IN THE MIDEAST. ON THAT BASIS, THE FRENCH HAVE SEEN NO REASON NOT TO SABOTAGE THE ELIZA-EFFORT OF SECRETARY KISSINGER BY INFLATING THE IMPORTANCE OF THE PSEUDO-LEADER OF THE PALESTINIAN REFUGEES, THE TOAD-LIKE YASSIR ARAFAT. FOR THIS REASON - AND FOR OTHER GRIM REASONS, TOO - THE WISER MEN IN WASHINGTON ALSO ESTIMATE THE CHANCES OF ANOTHER MIDEAST WAR AT WELL UNCLASSIFIED

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ABOVE EVEN TODAY.

8. ON FRIDAY, IN CONSEQUENCE, SECRETARY OF DEFENSE JAMES SCHLESINGER GAVE HIS CONSENT, WITH PRESIDENT FORD'S APPROVAL, TO A MUCH BOLDER AND MORE URGENT ARMS PROGRAM FOR ISRAEL. OUR ARSENALS ARE TO BE STRIPPED, IF NECESSARY, AND OUR COMBAT UNITS ARE TO BE "BORROWED" FROM. SHOCKINGLY ENOUGH, BECAUSE OF THE PYGMIES WHO SPECIALIZE IN UNDERMINING THE

NATIONAL DEFENSE, THIS GREAT COUNTRY CAN ONLY STRENGTHEN ISRAEL BY WEAKENING ITSELF.

9. THE URGENCY IS REAL, TOO. IN JANUARY, THE SOVIET BOSS, LEONID BREZHNEV, IS TO GO TO EGYPT. AFTER THAT, ONE MUST CALCULATE UPON A PERFECT FLOOD OF THE MOST ADVANCED SOVIET WEAPONS POURING INTO ALEXANDRIA AND CAIRO, AS A SIMILAR FLOOD HAS BEEN POURING INTO DAMASCUS FOR A VERY LONG TIME.

10. IF A REASONABLE MIDEAST ARMS BALANCE IS TO BE MAINTAINED, THE UNITED STATES MUST THEREFORE "BORROW" FROM COMBAT UNITS - SINCE OUR TANK PRODUCTION, FOR INSTANCE, IS 600 PER YEAR AGAINST 4,000 PER YEAR IN THE SOVIET UNION. PRESIDENT FORD AND SECRETARY SCHLESINGER HAD NO OTHER CHOICE BUT THE ONE THEY HAVE JUST MADE.

11. IF YOU THINK ALL THIS IS A BIT LURID, ALL YOU NEED TO DO IS HAVE A LOOK AT THE FINANCIAL-ECONOMIC OUTLOOK OF THE GREAT NATIONS OF THE WEST; OR AT THE COMMUNIST PENETRATION OF SOME OF THEM; OR AT THE POSSIBLE CONSEQUENCES OF BITTER SOCIAL CONFRONTATIONS SUCH AS THE ONE THAT HAS NOW BEGUN IN FRANCE. THE CASE OF ISRAEL'S DANGER IS ONLY WORTH EXTRA ATTENTION BECAUSE IT IS PERHAPS MORE CONCRETE AND MORE UNDERSTANDABLE HERE IN WASHINGTON, DESPITE THE CHATTER OF THE PYGMIES.

12. LET NO ONE SUPPOSE THAT THE FREE SOCIETIES OF THE WEST WILL LONG SURVIVE ISRAEL'S DESTRUCTION OR EVEN ISRAEL'S CRIPPLING AMPUTATION. THE BURDEN OF GUILT, THE POISON OF RECRIMINATION, THE FURY OF BLAME-THY-NEIGHBOR - THESE WILL BE WORSE THAN THEY WERE AFTER MUNICH. AND SO THEY SHOULD BE, AS THE PYGMIES WILL LEARN IF THE PYGMY CHATTER CONTINUES INTERMINABLY AND FOREVER DROWNS OUT COMMON SENSE.

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